Educationally Backward Districts

1490. SHRI K. PRADHANI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have identified the educationally backward districts in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to develop those districts educationally during the Eighth Plan period;

(d) whether any target has been fixed in that direction for the Ninth Plan; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b) *Inter-alia* district female literacy rates which are below the national average have been adopted among the criteria for implementing educational development programmes. District-wise female literacy rates are given in the Annual Report of the Ministry for the year 1992-93.

(c) A number of Central and State programmes are under implementation such as District Primary Education Programme, National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education etc. to promote educational development. The details of Central schemes are given in the Annual Reports of the Ministry for different years of the Eighth Plan.

(d) and (e) This would be taken up at the time of finalisation of sectoral strategies and targets for Ninth Plan.

Major/Medium Sector Irrigation

1491. SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the views expressed by the founder Chairman of the Central Ground Water Board through his article published in the *Statesman* dated August 31, 1996 about yardstick of 'Potential created" for measuring the progress of major and medium sector irrigation;

(b) whether the suggestion, made by him that consolidation and not expansion should be the order of the day for this, has been examined; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) Examination of various options for expansion of irrigation facilities is a continuous process. The strategy of the Government is to bring in more area under irrigated agriculture by consolidation and improvement of existing infrastructure as well as by creating additional irrigation potential through Major & Medium and Minor irrigation schemes.

Non-Formal and Adult Education

1492. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the percentage of annual target for non-formal education and adult education achieved in Orissa during each of the last three years; and

(b) the funds released for the same during the above period, year-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) and (b) The funds allocated and released by this Department for implementation of the schemes of Non-Formal Education and Adult Education in Orissa in the last three years are as under :

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Amount Allocated	Amount Released
Non-Formal Education		
1993-94	868.68	811.67
1994-95	1229.62	1109.59
1995-96	1992.24	1900.31
Adult Education		
1993-94	930.47	432.38
1994-95	449.29	422.95
1995-96	896.85	627.05

Rengali Dam Project

1493. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of families in Orissa displaced due to construction of Rengali Dam Project;

(b) whether it is a fact that the displaced people have not been rehabilitated so far;

(c) if so, the reasons for the inordinate delay in the rehabilitation of those dam ouster people; and

(d) the steps taken to rehabilitate those people at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (c) Out of 803 families likely to be affected on completion of Rengali Dam Project, 275 families have been paid rehabilitation assistance upto June, 1996. Rehabilitation & Resettlement of remaining families is in progress.

(d) As Rehabilitation & Resettlement is a State subject, the Rehabilitation & Resettlement plans are formulated,

planned, executed and funded by the State Governments as per the State Policy.

Central Universities in Karnataka

1494. SHRI B.L. SHANKAR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the Central universities at present in Karnataka;

(b) whether the Union Government propose to take over or open any other university in the State as Central University;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) to (d) There is no Central University in Karnataka, nor does the Central Government propose to take over any university, open or otherwise, in the State. Given the resource constraints and the need to consolidate existing institutions, Government is, generally, disinclined to establish new Universities.

Fake Medicines

1495. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the police has busted a gang of making fake medicines in Allahabad and some other parts of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per information, received from Director, Medical & Health Services, U.P., 14 cases of spurious drugs were recovered from Allahabad & Dehradun.

(c) Appropriate action against the concerned persons under the provision of the Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and rules made thereunder, will be initiated by the State Government after the results of medicine sample analysis are received and investigations completed.

[Translation]

Tribal Art and Culture

1496. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposals/applications for grant have been received from voluntary organisations, institutions of States including Gujarat for development and spread of tribal and village art and culture during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, state-wise;

(c) the names of the voluntary organisations and institutions and details of grant given to them year-wise under this scheme and the details of their achievements so far;

(d) whether it is a fact that the grant given to these voluntary organisations and institutions by the Central Government has not utilised properly;

(e) if so, whether Government propose to examine this issue; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A list showing details is placed below as Statement-I.

(c) A list showing names of the organisations who have received grants under the Scheme is placed below as Statement-II. After getting grants, the organisations submit their project Report and thereafter they get the subsequent instalments.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Does not arise.

Statement-I

Statement showing the number of Applications State-wise

Sl.No.	Name of the State/U.T.	Number of Applications considered by the Expert Committee		
		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	20	5	5
2.	Assam	–	3	–
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	1	1
4.	Bihar	19	16	48
5.	Chandigarh	–	–	4
6.	Delhi	9	55	46
7.	Gujarat	1	–	–
8.	Haryana	1	3	1
9.	Himachal Pradesh	–	27	–
10.	Jammu & Kashmir	–	1	1
11.	Karnataka	5	1	1
12.	Kerala	5	30	14
13.	Goa	–	–	1
14.	Maharashtra	2	1	2